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ROUNDING UP RANDALL.

House Determined to Abolish Caesarism and Govern Itself—Samuel J.'s Reign Ended.

Three Propositions from the Senate for Facilitating the Business of the House.

Senators of Ohio to Propose the Repeal of the Civil Service Law—Influence Exerted by the Administration.

Will He Kill Himself? Special to the Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Mr. Randall is working hard to prevent a change in the rules and thus preserve for himself an authoritative position which he has abused so long. His efforts will not succeed. The rules will be changed. Randall will be defeated. The house has finally concluded to abolish Caesarism and govern itself. If Randall will fight to the death in the house when the matter comes up next week, with his power broken the greater leader and protectionist of the Keystone state will cut a small figure in the house which he has controlled altogether too long. Senators view with alarm the proposition to change the rules of the house in distributing the appropriation bills and believe that the plan will lead to great extravagance.

PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION BILL.

The Hoar presidential succession bill will probably be passed next week. Some discussion will ensue, but the bill will become a law substantially as it stands.

TO WIPE OUT CIVIL SERVICE.

Senators of Ohio will introduce a bill on Monday to repeal the civil-service law. He thinks many members of the house will vote for the bill. The anti-civil service members of congress appear to have reached the conclusion that their former demand for "a clean sweep" was a mistake. Several consultations have recently been held by the opponents of the civil-service law, and it has been agreed to advocate the removal of clerks who were in office prior to the enactment of the law and that such clerks with the general public stand examination before the civil-service commission, and that in making appointments the commission select an equal number from each political party to fill the places thus vacated. They hold that all offices above the rank of clerk should be in political accord with the party in power. These views are understood to have been laid before the members of the cabinet with the view of influencing the administration so to regulate the civil-service rules as to bring about the results desired.

HEWITT DON'T WANT IT.

Representative Hewitt, who has been prominently mentioned for chairman of the naval committee, states that he will not accept the place. He does not want it, and desires other committee preferment with less responsibility.

Talk About the Rules.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The committee on rules of the house of representatives held a half hour's session to-day and completed its consideration of the revision of rules as proposed by Mr. Morrison of Illinois. Mr. Morrison's code of rules was adopted, with a few verbal amendments, and will be reported to the house on Monday next. The amendments to the rules which were proposed by other members of the house were not acted upon, but will receive consideration at future meetings of the committee. Though a majority of the committee favors distribution of the work of the appropriation committee, this object will not be accomplished until after sharp contests in the house which will not be in the nature of a party conflict, but will be between the friends of the Morrison code, who believe that such distribution will result in facilitating business, and the opponents who regard it as unwise at this time to make such radical changes.

The Star says: Mr. Randall antagonized every amendment to the rules, and gave notice that he would carry his opposition to the house. He didn't think the present was the proper time to make this departure and incorporate in the rules these radical changes. Several members made a number of concessions relating to the proceedings in the house, but did nothing concerning the disposal of the appropriation bill.

Speaker Carlisle said to-day that when the rules are reported to the house a reasonable time will be allowed for offering amendments and for debate. Mr. Randall and his friends think these proposed important changes should be considered in a Democratic caucus, and have asked that one be called. Speaker Carlisle is of the opinion, however, that it is not a partisan question and ought not to be made one, inasmuch as there is great diversity of opinion in both parties on this question. If the necessary number of names is obtained to the request for a caucus, there will be one called. The friends of the Morrison rules will oppose any action by caucus, and believe they will be able to prevent it. Mr. Randall says if a majority of Democratic caucus are in favor of the proposed changes he will acquiesce, but he is not disposed to allow the Republicans to bring about the change.

Senatorial Advice to the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The senators are watching developments in the house with regard to the proposed change of rules with much interest and generally regard the proposition to distribute the appropriation bills among the several committees of the house as an extremely unwise step and likely to lead to greater extravagance. The members of the senate committee on rules, all of whom are experienced parliamentarians, and several of whom had their training in the house of representatives, are unanimous in this opinion. The resolution embodying the proposed code of joint rules will probably be reported to the senate Monday and be passed without much delay and sent to the house. They embody three chief propositions which, if adopted by the house, would, in the opinion of the senate

committee and senators generally, relieve the house of most of its difficulties. The first is a requirement that the speaker's table shall be cleared every day without referring all the measures and communications to the proper committees, thus getting them into the channels of legislation at the earliest moment. The second prohibits riders on the general appropriation bills, and the third requires that during the last ten days of each session preference shall be given in each house to measures which have already passed the other house. These requirements are all followed in the senate.

What Weaver Will Do.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Representative Weaver of Iowa will introduce in the house on the first opportunity a bill to create a department of labor with a secretary and assistant secretary, the former of whom shall be a cabinet officer. The duties of this department shall be to acquire and diffuse among the people useful information on subjects connected with labor, to ascertain the cause of discontent which may exist between employers and employees, and to recommend proper methods for adjustment of the same. The secretary is required to make annual reports showing the general condition of labor throughout the United States, the evils under which laborers are suffering, and if any, whether such evils are the result directly or indirectly of legislation or from a lack of it, and giving statements of all labor strikes, riots, or disturbances, giving forth clearly the exact claims of both parties to the controversy. Sworn statements are to be required from employers showing the wages paid by them and the profit realized from actual cash capital invested, exclusive of fictitious or watered stock. The present bureau of labor statistics is to be merged with the department.

Mr. Weaver will also introduce bills for granting of lands in severalty to Indians and for opening up of the Indian Territory to settlement, to place lumber on the free list, to make pensions take effect from the date of disability and to provide for elections of senators by popular vote.

National Labor Federation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—At last night's session of the National Labor federation on reconvening the finance committee submitted a favorable report on the resolution providing for the levying of 10 cents per capita tax on all members of the trades unions within the jurisdiction of the federation, for the purpose of extending the usefulness and power of the federation. An amendment was offered to make the tax 5 cents instead of 10 cents, and after a long discussion the matter was referred to the respective unions. The resolution committee reported a series of resolutions, which were adopted, denouncing the convict labor contract system as pernicious and opposed to the interests of the working people of this country, and calling on all labor organizations to oppose any contract for national or state legislative honors who will not pledge himself to the abolition of the system and directing the legislative committee to draft a bill and have it introduced to congress providing that all government work shall be done under competent superintendents, and that no further contracts for such work shall hereafter be entered into, and making it the duty of said committee to endeavor to have a bill to that effect passed by the various state legislatures. A resolution, constituting the committee on legislation, a board of arbitration, and a board to regulate and order boycotts, was adopted. The proposition to organize the independent labor party in politics was defeated. Resolutions demanding the enforcement of a law restricting Chinese immigration, and calling on the working-men of the country to organize, and authorizing the executive committee to assist them, and calling for the compulsory education of children up to the age of eighteen and prohibiting their employment in mines or factories, were adopted. The resolution endorsing the measure of Senator Van Wyck, providing for the precluding of aliens from acquiring lands in this country, was adopted. It was decided to hold the next convention at St. Louis on the second Tuesday in December, 1886. Resolutions were adopted protesting against the present system of the employment of journey-men printers in the government printing-office, and requesting the speaker of the house to appoint on the committee of labor the following-named gentlemen: Foran of Ohio, Weaver of Iowa, Crain of Texas, Lovering of Massachusetts, O'Neill of Missouri, Haynes of New Hampshire, Tarsney of Michigan, Lawler of Illinois, Blount of Georgia, Cole of Maryland and Ford of Indiana.

The convention, at a late hour, then adjourned sine die.

Action of House Committees.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The senate committee on privileges and elections held a secret meeting this morning and instructed its chairman, Hoar, to report on Monday the presidential succession bill. A number of verbal changes have been made, but in all its important features it is the same measure that was passed during the last congress and was known as the "Hoar Bill." It will probably be taken up early in the week and will give rise to considerable discussion, but it is likely to be passed during the week.

The house committee on rules met at 3 o'clock this afternoon and considered various propositions that have been referred to it in matters touching the modifying of the rules. The members of the committee are of the opinion that the subject will be disposed of to-day.

Hoxie and Gould.

A Big Break in Lake Shore and Rumors Thereon—Heads Made.

Special to the Gazette.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—It is believed that the Chicago interest in the Kansas & Texas has been liquidated in part if not wholly; that an alliance has been formed between Hoxie and members of the Gould party. Hoxie was offered to-day that the Texas & Pacific would pay the next half-yearly coupon on the Rio Grande & North American road. A big break in Lake Shore to-day created much comment and interest, especially the report that the Lake Shore company intends to issue \$25,000,000 worth of bonds.

NO QUARTER GRANTED.

Servians and Bulgarians Meet in Battle Array and Fearful Slaughter Ensues.

Bulgarians Offer to Surrender—Servians Charge the Bayonet, Killing No Quarter.

All Germany in a State of Suspense Over the Condition of the Health of Kaiser Wilhelm.

A Bloody Engagement.

BYELORUSSIA, Dec. 12.—A telegram from the front states that a long and bloody engagement took place yesterday between the Servians and Bulgarians. The town of Veliki, Izvor, was wrested from the possession of two batteries belonging to Gen. Prot's division of the Bulgarian army who attacked the Servians. Upon finding themselves outnumbered, the Bulgarians made signs that they wished to surrender. The Servians, who were mostly elderly men belonging to the Second reserve, shouted in reply: "You have already deluded our children [meaning the youths of the First reserve] in that fashion, but you will not deceive us."

Thereupon they charged the Bulgarians with the bayonet, scattering them in every direction. The Bulgarians left many dead and wounded on the field. The Servians claim a brilliant victory. Much enthusiasm is manifested in Belgrade over the success of the Servians.

The Eastern Question Practically Settled.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Times says the Eastern question may be regarded as virtually settled. The powers have agreed to recognize the union of Bulgaria and Rumania. A demarcation commission has been appointed which assures an armistice of a month and will hardly fail to secure peace.

Removing the Targets.

NISSA, Dec. 12.—Col. Hayatonvitch, commander of the Servian army, has ordered the removal of the braiding and other distinguishing marks from the officers' uniforms on account of the heavy losses of officers in the recent battles.

The Demarcation Commission.

VIENNA, Dec. 12.—The military commission to demarcate the line between Servia and Bulgaria will consist of the military attaches of the Russian, German and Italian embassies at Vienna and an Austrian staff officer.

The Week in Germany.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The reichstag will take a recess on the 13th inst., and will reconvene on January 10. The Prussian landtag will also adjourn for the same period. The session of the reichstag has so far been almost barren of results, with but small promise of progress so long as the reichstag sits simultaneously with the landtag as many members sit in both houses. All parties are in a state of suspense over the condition of the health of the emperor, and reports that there will be a dissolution of the imperial parliament in June after the passage of the measure to prolong the law against Socialists and a renewal of military septennate. Government circles rely on the Socialist measure being carried by a majority of twenty. It will be presented in the reichstag about the end of January. Herr Laebrecht and Bebel laid on the table a motion demanding that the government revoke the order for the expulsion of Poles from Hermania. President Welferfeldorff refuses to record the motion unless the words, "This measure of the Prussian government has dishonored the German people," were expunged. The Socialists consented to this. It is probable that Prince Bismarck, in a new imperial message, will contest the right of the reichstag to discuss expulsion.

TO DEFEAT THE MEASURE.

The reichstag remains firm, and immediate dissolution is inevitable. The renewal of Socialists' proposal which abolishes article 22 of the constitution, forbidding the payment of members of the reichstag obtains daily more support from the Progressists, but the measure has no chance of adoption at present. An exciting debate took place on Thursday last on the proposal of the Conservatives making the duration of reichstags five years, instead of three, as at present, and the Progressists' demand that the mandates of the deputies be limited to two years and that the executive have no power to anticipate dissolution. Herr Hicker, Winthorst, Haenel and Bebel made speeches, which disclosed the fact that the latter motion involves a question of no confidence in Prince Bismarck. Herr Winthorst, leader of the Catholic party, declared that the proposal for five-year parliaments was aimed at enfeebling the national will and assisting Prince Bismarck to be absolute dictator. The members of the Right and the National Liberals support the five-years' scheme, while the Progressist, Socialist, Catholic and Centre parties oppose it and are able

Jewish movement is a failure and advises Dr. Storaker to change his language and preach that anti-semitism is the first stage of socialism. The funeral of Herr Strassman, a Jew and president of the municipal council, on Wednesday last was made the occasion of a demonstration. Thirty thousand persons followed the funeral car. Emperor William sent a couple of handsome wreaths. The crown prince's adjutant was present to represent the prince. Prof. Verchow delivered an oration.

The Spanish Succession Safe.

MADRID, Dec. 12.—In an interview, Senor Canovas declared that a solid union of the sections of the right had been effected and the monarchial succession was safe. The Carlisle and Republicans, he said, were powerless. He described Senor Castellar as "a Utopian theorist, with good intentions, but possessing small influence with the masses." Zorrilla, he thought, would be helpless if the Monarchists were firm and vigilant, while Gen. Dominguez was too prudent to venture upon a revolution.

Alfonso's Funeral.

MADRID, Dec. 12.—The funeral services over the remains of King Alfonso took place to-day at the church of Francis the Great. The large edifice was crowded with distinguished people. All the sovereign heads of Europe were represented and the members of the diplomatic corps were present. The civil and military pageant was an imposing spectacle and was d by immense throngs.

Don Carlos III.

MADRID, Dec. 12.—A court-martial has condemned to death four of the Carthagena conspirators.

The newspapers here state that Don Carlos is dangerously ill and that his brother has been summoned to Venice.

Give Them What They Want.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Herbert Gladstone, the son of the ex-premier, has written a letter in which he says: "Nothing could induce me to countenance the separation of Ireland from Great Britain, but if five-sixths of the Irish people desire a parliament in Dublin to manage local affairs, in the name of justice and wisdom let them have it."

Preparing for a Campaign in the Sudan.

CAIRO, Dec. 12.—Orders are expected for the reconquest of Dongola. There is a continuous desultory firing at Koshay. Four British have been wounded. Caliph Abdulla has ordered every man over the age of sixteen years to join the army of the Sudan. The natives are readily obeying the order.

Nihilists Arrested at Warsaw.

WARSAW, Dec. 12.—Numerous arrests have been made here in connection with a nihilistic conspiracy.

Movement of Troops in Canada.

QUEBEC, P. Q., Dec. 12.—Some excitement and considerable speculation as to the object of the movement has been caused by the announcement that two companies of the Quebec County Battalion have been ordered into the city in accordance with instructions from Ottawa and that it is the intention of the government to increase the garrison there to 450 men for some time to come.

A PRIZE FIGHT.

Jack Cummings Knocks Out Dick Sands in Seven Rounds After a Hard Fight.

Special to the Gazette.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Jack Cummings, twenty-five years old, five feet nine inches high, weight 175 pounds, and Dick Sands, twenty-one years old, five feet ten inches high, weight 185 pounds, of Brooklyn, fought last evening for a \$50 prize to settle a dispute as to who was the best man. Seven rounds were fought and Cummings was declared winner, Sands failing to come to time. The fight was brutal and both men received severe punishment. When time for the seventh round was called both men were bleeding profusely. Cummings began the fighting and by a well-directed blow on the temple rendered his antagonist unconscious.

ROMANTIC BUT SINFUL.

A Brother Seduces His Half Sister, and Is Discovered by the Mother of Both.

Special to the Gazette.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A Fall River, Mass., special says: A Boston woman traced her 16-year-old daughter to that place and found her in a questionable resort with a half-brother of the daughter. She exclaimed, "Brother and sister!" and fell in a swoon. On recovering, she told the couple she lived on a farm in the West twenty-four years ago, when a New York merchant met and seduced her, leaving her and her child, a boy. She went to Boston and married a man who has always been ignorant of her past life, and had a daughter by him. The mother induced the son, who had grown to be a young man, to join the family. While there he fell in love with the daughter, his half-sister, and betrayed her and ran away. The mother took the daughter back to Boston and the son came to New York. Names of the parties are not given.

A Visitor from Honduras.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Senor Don Abelardo Zelaya, vice-president and minister of finance of the republic of Honduras, accompanied by Henry T. Farling, arrived here to-day from Honduras on a government mission.

Dorman B. Eaton Banqueted.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 12.—At the Parker house to-night a complimentary banquet was tendered by the Massachusetts Reform club to the Hon. Dorman B. Eaton, United States civil-service commissioner. About a hundred and fifty gentlemen were present. The principal speakers were Mr. Eaton and James Russell Lowell. The latter warmly endorsed the administration of President Cleveland.

Indications.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 1 A. M.—For the West Gulf states: Rain or snow, followed by fair weather; winds generally from north to west; falling, followed by rising temperature.